

Choose one of the three questions below. In MLA format, type or write a 5 paragraph essay answering the question you chose. The essay should be double-spaced and around 425-500 words.

1. **Question One** -- 100 points: Choose a), b), or c) about Steven Spielberg's film *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*

a) Discuss a theme that interested you in the film *E.T.*. What message does the film communicate about the theme you chose. Some examples of themes include: adventure, courage, empathy, friendship, wonder, love, family, grief, communication, childhood, longing etc. Support your answer with details from the film.

b) Discuss what the film *E.T.* communicates about life & being human. What does the film communicate about what qualities are human qualities? Does *E.T.* qualify as human even though he is an alien? If so, why? If not, why? What does the film communicate about what is valuable in life? Support your answer with details from the film.

c) Choose a symbol(s) in the film *E.T.*. Discuss what the symbol means – what does it communicate about a character, or a theme. Examples of symbols include: The light and shadows throughout the film, Gertie's flowers: the potted geraniums, glowing red lights such as the light in *E.T.*'s chest and the light in the children's closet. Support your answer with details from the film.

d) Choose a character or two characters. Discuss how the film portrays them. What emotions or beliefs motivate the character(s)? What do the behaviors of the characters tell you about who they are? Who is your favorite character and why? Who is your least favorite character and why? Support your view from the film

#### Work Cited

*E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. Dir. Steven Spielberg, Perf. Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, and Peter Coyote.

*Universal Pictures*. 1982.

Remember:

MLA heading is double-spaced and on the left:

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Make sure to include the title of the film in your introduction paragraph. The title of the film should be italicized.

Include a thesis statement in the introduction paragraph.

Indent the first line of each paragraph.

Include a Works Cited page with the info above.